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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/ REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
- 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims		Highest			- ,		<u>-</u>	
	Remaining After		Number Previously		Present				Additional
	Amendment		Paid For		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	20	-	43	=	0	X	18	=	0
Independent Claims	1	-	7	=	0	X	84	=	0
	TOTAL								\$0

B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 26, 2002, set to expire on May 26, 2002, be extended by 3 months, to expire on August 26, 2002. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$920.00.

C. <u>Fees Enclosed</u>

Enclosed is our Check No. <u>141348</u> in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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